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Dear Dr. Watson:

As you spoke of Professor Barnes as a cryptogamic botanist, I wrote at once to Professor Farlow about him. His view is that as a permanent officer Mr Barnes is not desirable as a cryptogamic botanist. He thinks that there are several other more desirable persons.

What seems to me most necessary is that you should be training somebody to succeed you. Now mosses & hepatics seem to me

relatively unimportant as a specialty  
for that person. If we are going to  
undertake another salary which  
approaches yours, it is your successor  
that we should be providing for.

Has Walter Deane any fitness for  
such a function?

The more I think of taking Prof.  
Barnes from his Wisconsin profess-  
orship, the less justifiable it seems  
to me on our present resources. He  
has, I believe, no resources except his  
salary, & we cannot offer him a per-  
manent position.

Please advise me further. Has Mr.  
Edward L. Rand fitness for your work? He  
is trying to be a lawyer, but acts to me like a  
botanist. Very truly yours Charles W. Eliot